

WE PROTEST TO VENEZUELA.

GOVERNMENT STIRRED UP BY CASTRO'S ASPHALT SEIZURE.

Action on What Minister Bowen Terms an Act of High Handed Injustice Will Not Be Lenient—Evidence of Collision Between Executive and Judiciary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Advice received at the State Department to-day from Herbert W. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, indicate very clearly that the action of Venezuela in seizing the properties of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company was, in Mr. Bowen's opinion, an act of high handed injustice, brought about by possible collusion between the executive and judicial branches of the Venezuelan Government and in defiance of even the statutes of that country itself.

Minister Bowen has been instructed to protest to the Venezuelan Government against the outrage and to make the protest as strong as he thinks the circumstances warrant.

The report from Mr. Bowen was the first official account received in Washington of the action of the Venezuelan Government. According to Mr. Bowen, who made a thorough investigation of the case under instructions from the State Department, suit was brought by the Venezuelan Government against the asphalt company on the ground that it had failed to carry out certain provisions of its concession, particularly those requiring the company to improve the rivers of Venezuela, dig canals, dredge channels and develop and export products of the country other than asphalt.

Alleging the company's failure to carry out these provisions, the Government petitioned the court to grant an embargo (similar to an injunction) against the company and to appoint a receiver for the company's property.

The court granted the embargo and appointed A. H. Garner, formerly the manager of the New York and Bermudez company, as custodian.

According to Minister Bowen, the court had granted the injunction and Garner had sailed in a Venezuelan vessel for the asphalt lakes before the defendant company learned that the suit had been brought against it and the attorneys for the company contend that this is prima facie evidence of collusion between the executive and judicial branches of the Government and that the seizure was therefore prearranged. Mr. Bowen's report adds that Venezuela statutes authorize similar proceedings in the case of leases. The New York and Bermudez company, however, operated its asphalt properties under a Government concession.

John Bassett Moore, former Assistant Secretary of State and now professor of international law at Columbia University, and J. D. Lindsey of the New York law firm of Nicolli, Anable and Lindsey, called at the State Department to-day and had a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Loomis and Judge Penfield, solicitor of the State Department, with reference to action by the United States.

Mr. Loomis learned from them that the report contained in press despatches from Port au Spain, Trinidad, that the British Minister to Venezuela had protested on behalf of his Government against the seizure of the asphalt properties was entirely correct. The interest of the British Government in the matter is explained by the fact that about \$1,000,000 worth of the bonds of the New York and Bermudez company are owned in London.

Mr. Bowen added in his cable report that he had sent by mail a detailed statement of the events leading up to the seizure proceedings and documents of importance in the case. In view of this it is probable that the interest of the British Government in the matter prior to the receipt of this information.

It is safe to say, however, that the State Department is not inclined to show too much leniency to President Castro and the Government of Venezuela, which he practically controls, and that when action is taken by the United States it will be decided enough to make Venezuela understand that this country will not stand quietly by and see the rights and liberties of its citizens trampled upon.

NO GERMAN ULTIMATUM.

Official Statement That Venezuela Has Not Broken Faith.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
BERLIN, Aug. 1.—THE SUN'S correspondent has official authority for declaring that the statement that the German Government has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela is without foundation in fact.

Germany has no complaint to make of Venezuela, which has regularly paid the installments due under the indemnity award.

MADE ROPE TO SAVE WOMEN.

Just Controlled the Hysterical Ones on Roof of Burning House.

There were several exciting rescues at a fire, yesterday afternoon, which started in the grocery store of Harry Kaplan, on the ground floor of the five story brick tenement house at 188 East 109th street. Kaplan lived in the rear of his store. One of his children played with a box of matches while the mother was absent and set fire to the bedclothes.

Kaplan rushed back and got his five children out safely, and the tenants on the floor above got out all right, but those on the other floors found escape a bit of when they started to go down the stairs. There are ten families living in the house and all the women with their children on the upper three floors ran to the roof. The only man who was at home at the time was Franklin Just, who lives with his wife on the top floor. When he got to the roof he found Mrs. J. J. McMahon, Miss Gunning and Mrs. John Carr with her two children, Joseph, 2 years old, and Mabel, 5.

The flames and smoke were rapidly making their way through the house, and the women became so hysterical that Just had all he could do to keep some of them from jumping onto the roof of 186, which is a story lower. Just tore down six clothes lines from the roof and made a rope out of them and then swung it down to the roof of 186. His wife aided him to the rope to the roof, and she was followed by the other women and children. Mrs. Carr was so hysterical that she could not let herself down, so Just tied the line under her arms and, bracing himself against the top wall of the roof, let her down. He then made the descent himself.

The rope tore the skin of the hands of all who used it, but no one was seriously injured. The flames were contained to the first and second floors. The damage is \$1,000.

WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

Labor Bureau Gives the President Some Data on the Blessings of High Prices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A report on what Secretary Shaw might call the blessings of high prices was handed to the President today by C. B. Wright, the Commissioner of Labor. The report also contains the results of an exhaustive investigation of the subject of wages. This report is printed as a regular publication of the Bureau of Labor, and some extracts from it will probably be used by President Roosevelt in his letter of acceptance.

It is entitled "Wages and Cost of Living," and as the subject of prices was treated at great length in a similar publication several months ago the present report is devoted largely to wages. The investigation was carried on by field agents of the Bureau of Labor, who personally called on the heads of 2,567 families in all parts of the country and on 3,429 commercial or industrial establishments.

It is shown that, so far as the field was covered by the investigation, the cost of living has increased from an average of \$206.76 per family in 1890, to \$342.75 in 1903. There was a decrease in 1903 as compared with 1902, however, when the average cost was \$341.61. The investigation was applied only to families whose income from wages or salary was less than \$1,200 a year. The figures here given refer only to food.

The report shows that while the cost of living decreased slightly in 1903, the average of wages advanced. No general average of wages is stated, but the wages of men employed in various trades and occupations are given in great detail. It is shown that while in 1903 the average wages per hour increased 10.3 per cent, above the average of the period from 1890 to 1899, retail prices for food advanced 10.3 per cent. The increase in purchasing power of the hourly wage was therefore 0.4 per cent.

KERN WILL BE NOMINATED.

Parker's Desire for Him to Head Indiana's State Ticket Is Accepted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—John W. Kern for Governor and Warden W. Stevens for Lieutenant-Governor is the ticket that the party leaders have agreed, upon and while reaching it, however, the crowd was halted by deputy sheriffs, and the Governor stood in the front row and watched the strike breakers, of whom there were fifty, enter the plant and go to work. The strikers attempted no interference.

For three hours Gov. Mickey remained among the strikers and says he received information as to how a strike is run. Then he was recognized by Sheriff Powers, who was amazed at seeing the Governor in a workingman's garb. But the Governor quickly told his mission and then and there announced that no troops would be ordered to South Omaha so long as the strikers remained in their present state.

"Things are absolutely safe in South Omaha, and there is no reason to call out the troops," he says. "I know what I am talking about now, for I have seen and heard just about the whole thing."

Later Gov. Mickey visited each packing house, as well as the Union Stock Yards, and discussed the situation with the different parties concerned. Then he returned to Lincoln, still wearing the clothing in which he had posed as a striker.

It was said to-day that the reason for the determined effort to force Kern into the race came through a suggestion from Judge Parker to Kern that he would be a good man to lead the State ticket. Kern replied that he made the race four years ago and felt like giving way to some one else, though he declared that there was no question but that the party would carry the State this year.

In Judge Parker's talk with Taggart after the conversation with Kern, the Judge again referred to the importance of having a strong ticket in Indiana. Taggart went over the list of candidates and Judge Parker referred to his talk with Kern and asked if he could not be induced to run.

Taggart took this to mean that the Presidential candidate wanted Kern to lead the ticket, and he has given out to the effect that the result of the Indiana election may fade away before the convention meets on Wednesday. Major Menzies withdrew to-day and declared for Kern.

FAIRBANKS AT HOME AGAIN.

Goes Over the Arrangements for Notifying Him of His Nomination.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—Senator Fairbanks reached his home in this city from Mackinac this morning and was in consultation for an hour with early callers and then busied himself superintending the arrangements at his home for receiving the committee on notification, which will visit him on Wednesday.

The function will be as informal as it is possible to make it. The notification committee will leave the English Hotel at noon in carriages for the Fairbanks home. Elihu Root, the temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, who is to deliver the speech of notification, will occupy the first carriage and will be accompanied probably by James P. Goodrich, chairman of the Indiana Republican State Committee.

After the members of the committee have been presented to the candidate, the notification ceremonies will take place on the veranda of the Senator's home. If the weather is favorable the members of the committee and the other guests will occupy a space on the lawn in front of the porch. In case of rain it will be necessary for the committee to occupy the veranda.

Letters and telegrams received indicate that many of the members of the notification committee appointed by the Chicago convention will be here.

KILLED A FLEEING BURGLAR.

St. Louis Policeman Shoots a Thief Dead in a Chase.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1.—Policeman John Ferriek shot and instantly killed a negro burglar this morning in a chase on Carr street, between Broadway and Sixth street. Ferriek was running at the head of a crowd of pursuers, who had cornered and almost surrounded him before the policeman reached the scene.

Thinking the negro would stop, Ferriek fired a shot in the air. The thief ran on. "Stop!" shouted Ferriek, waving his revolver. The negro was running straight toward the corner. People dodged behind posts and dashed into doorways. Ferriek gained upon the negro with every stride.

At a distance of 150 feet, he leveled his pistol and fired a second shot. The ball struck the negro in the back of the head. The negro was detected by Mrs. Mary Long while trying to break into her house. She gave the alarm.

SHOT IN BACK OF HIS HEAD.

Dr. C. P. Hill, Formerly a New York Real Estate Man, Killed in Oakland, Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Two weeks ago Dr. Charles P. Hill was found dead in the hills back of Oakland with a bullet wound in the back of the head. The police have been unable to ascertain whether death was due to suicide or murder. From diaries it has been learned that Dr. Hill was in the real estate business in New York for twelve years.

In 1895 he was manager and secretary of the City and Suburban Land Company of New York. In 1897 he opened a real estate office at 4 East Forty-second street. He went from New York to Los Angeles and then came here. He was evidently poor.

GOV. MICKEY IN A DISGUISE.

HE MINGLES WITH THE NEAT STRIKERS IN SOUTH OMAHA.

Puts on Workmen's Clothes and Poses as One of Them—Watches a Carload of Strike Breakers Received—Says He Will Not Order Out the Troops.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 1.—In the garb of a laborer Gov. John Mickey of Nebraska this morning came to South Omaha from his Lincoln home, left the car and mingled with the striking packing house workmen, loaded with the strike breakers, stood in line behind the cordon of deputy sheriffs and watched a carload of negro non-union workmen run into Armour & Co.'s, had confidential talks with many strikers and then decided not to send any State troops to South Omaha at present.

Gov. Mickey came to South Omaha on Saturday at the request of the Sheriff and went to investigate conditions of the strike. He had been requested to send a company of the State Guard to protect the non-union workmen who were being interfered with when they attempted to enter the packing plants.

The Governor saw the things the officers wanted him to see, but reserved his decision on the military question. This morning he returned to South Omaha, "in disguise," and began to investigate on his own account. Before 7 o'clock he was mingling with the strikers, who were congregated by the thousands around the different packing plants.

The Governor was attired as an ordinary laboring man when off duty. In this garb he mingled freely with the strikers, giving and hearing opinions as to the merits of the strike. He had been requested to send a company of the State Guard to protect the non-union workmen who were being interfered with when they attempted to enter the packing plants.

Shortly after Gov. Mickey arrived on the scene, the strikers suddenly broke for Armour's, where it was reported an attempt to run in a carload of strike breakers was being made. The Governor stayed with the strikers and ran to the plant. Before reaching it, however, the crowd was halted by deputy sheriffs, and the Governor stood in the front row and watched the strike breakers, of whom there were fifty, enter the plant and go to work. The strikers attempted no interference.

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GRAFTING CHARGE IN NAVY.

Reports That Petty Officers on Hancock Are Selling Ratings Being Probed.

A naval board is investigating reports that certain petty officers on the receiving ship Hancock, stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard, have been selling ratings and promotions to sailors for cash. The reports were started by bluejackets who talked freely of the matter ashore. When the commissioned officers on the ship and in the yard heard of these reports they reported to the Navy Department, and a board was detailed to investigate the rumors.

The inquiry, which is being conducted at Washington, brought out evidence to the effect that landmen and coal passers had their ratings advanced to "second class seamen" and to even "able-bodied seamen" by handing graft to men "higher up."

A new bluejacket recently appeared on the Hancock. It was said that he had been transferred from the Washington Navy Yard. On the Hancock, it is alleged, he had a talk with a petty officer, who offered him \$25 for an advancement. Not long afterward he was jumped from landman to second class fireman. He enjoyed his honors only forty-eight hours, disappearing suddenly. It now turns out that he was a Secret Service man who had been sent on to get evidence.

Three petty officers were summoned as witnesses to Washington yesterday. They took a morning train. The bluejackets at the yard say that grafting has been going on for a long time, unknown to the commissioned officers, however, until recently.

SHOT HIS WIFE ON A TRAIN.

Bartender Attempts Murder and Then Commits Suicide Near March Chunk.

MARCH CHUNK, Pa., Aug. 1.—Edward A. Ritter, an Easton bartender, to-day shot his wife, who is known as Lily Roome, and then killed himself while riding on the Cannon Ball Express on the New Jersey Central railroad, from Easton to this place. Ritter married the Roome woman in 1902. Her home is in Bloomsburg, and for a time they resided there. Later they went to Easton. It was there that their domestic relations became strained, and a short time ago Mrs. Ritter left her husband and again took her maiden name. He was jealous of her and for the last week has been following her. He accosted her in the train at Catawauque, and the pair soon became involved in a quarrel.

Rising from his seat, Ritter pulled a revolver from his pocket, fired a shot at the woman and then, facing the crowded car, put the revolver to his temple and pressed the trigger. With a groan he fell to the floor. The only engagement he had ahead of him he said was to speak at St. Louis on Aug. 18, the day set apart for the Philippine celebration.

SECRETARY TAFT IN TOWN.

Has Not Decided Whether or Not He Will Take the Stamp.

Secretary of War William H. Taft, who has been passing a six weeks vacation at Murray Bay, in Canada, broke his journey from that place to Washington by staying last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He will go on to Washington this morning. Secretary Taft was accompanied by a traveling servant and was met at the station by his brother, Henry W. Taft. Secretary Taft had not determined whether or not he would make any speeches during the campaign. The only engagement he had ahead of him he said was to speak at St. Louis on Aug. 18, the day set apart for the Philippine celebration.

MISS CLEMENS INJURED.

Daughter of Mark Twain Thrown From Her Horse by a Trolley Car.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 1.—It became known this afternoon that the young woman whose horse was killed by a trolley car in Lee, late on Saturday evening, and who received injuries, was Miss Jane Clemens, the youngest daughter of Mark Twain, who is spending the summer in Tyringham with his daughters.

Miss Clemens and Rodman Gilder, son of Richard Watson Gilder, were taking a moonlight ride at the approach of a trolley car Miss Clemens's horse became frightened and bolted upon the track. The car struck the horse on the flank and threw Miss Clemens some distance. One ankle was sprained and she was bruised on the back and left side.

The horse was dragged for forty feet and killed. Miss Clemens's injuries were treated in Lee, where she gave her name as Miss Julia Langdon, which was the maiden name of her mother.

The horse was one of a pair which Mr. Clemens brought recently from Italy.

KILLED IN A TROLLEY WRECK.

Woman Loses Her Life Near Westboro, Mass.—Actress's Leg Amputated.

WESTBORO, Mass., Aug. 1.—A collision between two of the heavy electric cars on the Boston and Worcester Street Railway at what is known as Washington street crossing, three miles west of here, about noon to-day, inflicted such severe injuries upon Mrs. Caroline Stewart of Winthrop Beach that she died late this afternoon at the Framingham Hospital.

John Doe of Westboro, motorman of the car proceeding toward Worcester, was so badly crushed that his recovery is considered impossible. Miss Maud Maguire of Boston, an actress, known on the stage as Maud Thornton, had her right leg so severely crushed that amputation was found necessary, and her condition is serious. Fully twenty others were injured, several of them having limbs fractured, and a number were cut by flying glass.

The accident occurred on a sharp curve at the foot of an incline, down which the westbound car was running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. The eastbound car, which should have waited on a siding until the other had passed, was proceeding at a lower speed.

Laborers working on the road near by extricated the injured, and physicians were sent to the scene from Framingham, Hudson and Marlboro.

WIRELESS TALK WITH LINERS.

Marconi Experts Plan to Communicate with Vessels Off Nantucket.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Aug. 1.—Since the Government ousted the Marconi wireless telegraph from the Nantucket South Shoals Lightship the company officials have come to the conclusion that they can exchange wireless messages with liners without the aid of the relay station on the lightship by simply increasing the power of the plant in Siasconnet and on board the steamships.

William A. Bradford, one of Marconi's experts, is now in Siasconnet making a series of experiments with a view of ascertaining how much power will be necessary to transmit messages to the steamships, which pass about sixty miles south of this island, and it is believed he has succeeded in sending several messages to vessels within the last twenty-four hours.

Just as soon as the instruments were removed from the lightship, it was noticed that receiving instruments in Siasconnet were slightly affected, but certain times, and sometimes whole words were recorded.

At first the operators were somewhat puzzled as to the cause, but on learning that several steamers had endeavored to communicate with the lightship, not knowing that the apparatus had been removed, they quickly concluded that the dots and dashes received at Siasconnet were parts of messages sent from the steamers.

CONTROL OF WIRELESS.

President Approves a Report Giving It to the Army and Navy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—President Roosevelt to-day approved the report of the board appointed some time ago to consider wireless telegraphy in the United States in its relation to the army, navy and general Government use. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Chief of the Light House Board, Brig.-Gen. A. W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and Prof. Willis Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, with a representative of the Department of Commerce and Labor, composed the board.

By the report of the board control of coastwise wireless telegraph stations is given to the navy and control of whatever stations are necessary to communicate with the various army posts is given to the army. This arrangement, however, must not interfere with the coastwise stations. The army is to have control of the wireless stations in Alaska and on the frontier. The board also recommends legislation by Congress to prevent interference in any way by private stations with the navy controlled coastwise stations.

PULLMAN SHOPS TO CLOSE.

Railroads Have Stocked Up With Cars and Travel Is Not Heavy.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The announcement was made to-day that the Pullman shops are soon to be closed down. Lack of orders will cause 6,000 workmen to be thrown out of employment indefinitely. For several weeks the company has been reducing its force, until 1,200 are said to be already out of employment. The reopening of the plant is conditional upon the revival of business.

Vice-President T. W. Wickes, in discussing the situation, said the company had no alternative but to close down. "The business of car building has been remarkably dull for many months," said Mr. Wickes. "The railroad companies have been placing few orders for coaches with our company. In the last few years the number of railroads have been laying in a big supply of cars and have a large stock now on hand. Then, railroad business has been falling off. It seems an off year for travel by rail. Why this I don't know, but the receipts of the railroad companies show that it is a fact."

Mildair Battle to the Death.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 1.—Residents along the Goffe road just outside of this city witnessed to-day a fight in midair by two large hawks. The hawks began their battle shortly after 2 o'clock and kept it up for half an hour, when one of them fell dead into DeGray's woods. The other circled in the air for several minutes and then flew over the Freshmens Mountain.

TOWN FIGHTS WITH A MADMAN.

SHOOT HIM AFTER HE KILLS ONE AND WOUNDS EIGHT.

Jack Carr, a Carpenter of Nebraska City, Goes Insane Suddenly—Shoots From a Barred Room in a Hotel—Brought Down When He Rushes Out Doors.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 1.—For an hour this evening the streets of Nebraska City were filled with armed men, fighting a battle with a lunatic who, armed with a rifle and revolver, fired from his window whenever he caught sight of a head in any direction. The man was Jack Carr, a contracting carpenter. Finally, leaving his room, Carr rushed into the streets and for ten minutes held his own, firing wildly, until he fell with a dozen wounds.

During his fight Carr killed one citizen, wounded six others, and also two policemen. Carr is not dead, but is reported dying. Should he show signs of not being wounded mortally, he will probably be lynched before morning.

Carr, at 7 o'clock this evening, suddenly went insane. Stealing up behind Christian Hartman, he deliberately killed him with a revolver. Then, standing over the dead body, he emptied his pistol into the remains. Shouting wildly and waving his revolver, he rushed to his hotel and barricaded his room.

Chief of Police Schoonover and Patrolman Ingram arrived at his door a few minutes later and Carr began firing through the panels, using a rifle. Schoonover was shot through the shoulder and fell down the steps, from which he was dragged by citizens who had begun gathering.

Ingram returned the fire, also shooting through the door, but soon he emptied his revolver and took refuge in an adjoining room while Carr paraded the corridors, firing at every guest who showed himself. Returning to his room, Carr secured a shotgun, and opened fire on the crowd which had gathered. Before they could get to cover he had wounded several.

Then the battle became general. Every man who had a gun began shooting at Carr's window, from which the madman continued to fire at every opportunity. Finally, Policeman Ingram secured a position from which he could see directly in Carr's room and soon made it too hot for him to stay there.

The firing from the hotel suddenly ceased, and the citizens supposed Carr had been killed. But with a shout the madman rushed from the front door, firing his repeating gun as he ran. The crowd again scattered, and for a few moments he controlled the situation. During these few minutes he gathered up and down before the building, yelling and screaming himself.

Then Ingram and a citizen charged at Carr, while other citizens fired at him. Carr fell to the ground, but he continued firing until he was hit no less than twelve times, when he became unconscious and his guns were taken from him.

Carr at first was thought to have been killed, but physicians are now working on him. Although pronounced unconscious, there is a loud talk of lynching, and unless he dies during the night he will undoubtedly be strung up.

LOST SIGHT IN AN INSTANT.

Girl Went Blind While on the Boardwalk at Asbury Park.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 1.—Miss Bessie Lyndall of Gladwyne, Pa., near Philadelphia, was stricken blind while listening to the band concert on the boardwalk here last night. To-night, showing no improvement, she was removed to her home, there to be treated by specialists.

The girl and her mother, Mrs. S. S. Lyndall, registered at the Ardmore, Ocean Grove, on Saturday. Last evening they strolled to the beach and walked over to Asbury Park. Suddenly Miss Lyndall stopped and screamed "Mother, mother, I'm blind." She was taken home and kept in a darkened room all night. To-day she was unable to distinguish sunlight from darkness and her removal was advised by local physicians.

EXTINGUISHER KILLS FIREMAN.

Exploded While He Was Carrying It Into a Burning Building.

Joseph Campbell, a fireman attached to Company 3, of Jersey City, was carrying a hand extinguisher into a burning building at 126 Central avenue late last night, when the extinguisher exploded. The whole left side of Campbell's face was blown away and he was frightfully burned about the shoulders and arms. He was thrown to the floor so hard that his skull was fractured.

Campbell was taken to Christ Hospital, where he died at midnight. He was 35 years old.

POOLROOM RAID STRIKES DEEP.

Western Union and High Officials Said to Be Involved in Philadelphia Inquiry.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.—Interesting developments were made to-day with the promise of sensations to come in the inquiry into the raid on "Bob" Deady's big poolroom in Montgomery county, just over the city line. The raid was made by State Senator Roberts and D. C. Gibboney of the Law and Order Society.

Roberts is a young man, a millionaire and the son of the former president of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is a Republican, but also a reformer. He says the probe is to be pushed, no matter who is hurt. The statement made the Montgomery county official of prominence may be involved. It is asserted by Mr. Gibboney that evidence has been secured indicating that an official was paid a weekly sum for protection.

It is now asserted that the poolroom received its service from the Western Union Telegraph Company. Two wires ran in the hut over which came the full returns from the Western tracks and Brighton Beach. The tickers had been scraped clean of the usual marks of identification. The telegraph operator was released in \$500 bail to-day, and it became known that instead of being Harry Victor, the man he gave, was Harry Emanuel, an expert operator. He is a Western Union employee, although it is said that he is not on the payroll at the present time. It is declared the Western Union is to be called to account for the alleged violation of its pledges.

The prisoners who gave two or three sets of bogus names are having their own troubles in establishing their actual identities and getting bail. Rural justice is adamant on the ball question. Each man, no matter what his standing in life, has to give his real name before bonds will be accepted. Then only gilt edged security will be taken. The prisoners are paying \$50 bonds for \$500 bail bonds.

Hay fever seems to be plying the Adirondack Mountains. New York Central ticket agent will tell you where to go.—Ad.

HOLD-UP ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Passengers on Special Bound for St. Louis Robbed by Four Men.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—An Illinois Central train bound for St. Louis was held up just outside of Chicago late last night.

It was at first reported that the train was the "Diamond Special," which the Illinois Central put on to accommodate the traffic to the St. Louis exposition. Later it was learned that the train was another special which left here at 9:30 o'clock last night.

The train was boarded by four masked men soon after leaving Harvey. One of the bandits crawled over the tender of the engine and with drawn revolver compelled the engineer to keep the train in motion.

The three other robbers went through the two sleepers and compelled all of the passengers to give up their valuables. They did not attempt to enter the express car. It is not believed that the bandits secured more than \$2,500 in jewelry and money. The men wore red handkerchiefs over their faces.

Several shots were fired by the robbers, and one man was shot and, it is reported, seriously wounded.

After the hold-up the four robbers started toward Chicago. The police of South Chicago were notified and are on the lookout for them. Several detectives and policemen from the Central station have been sent to the scene.

Two passengers who resisted were hit over the head with hatchets and seriously injured.

PREMIER BALFOUR SUSTAINED.

Home Votes Down a Resolution Censuring His Government.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, Aug. 1.—In the House of Commons this evening a resolution censuring the Government, offered by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, was defeated.

The resolution declared that the House regretted that certain of the Ministers had accepted official places in a political organization which had formally declared its adherence to the policy of preferential duties involving the taxation of food.

BOLT HITS A BATTLESHIP.

The Indiana at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Struck by Lightning.

A bolt of lightning hit one of the steel masts of the battleship Indiana